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## Education job fair gives students insight into future

By Alyssa Rhodes  
Panther Intern

Students filled the MSC ballrooms on April 8 to meet and mingle with different schools to search for careers and internships at this year's 29th job fair.

There were more school districts in attendance than any previous year. Every year, Prairie View students have the chance to come and hear of different job offers, and hand in resumes to different employers. Seeing how the economy has recently played a part

in people losing jobs, a career fair is always something that encourages students to keep looking and networking. It is also a good way to explore options that normally wouldn't be pursued.

In all, there were 110 school districts including Cy Fair, Katy, Houston, Sweeny and McKinney. "I came to network and see what different districts had to offer," said senior Chante Ashford. "It was very helpful and I met a lot of people." Networking is one of the key points in attending the job fair since some students don't find exactly what they're looking for. Some students who aren't graduating came to pass out resumes and see potential

districts, while others came to actually find places that were hiring.

The Austin Independent School District was ready to hire and interview students on the spot, which excited a lot of students. "This was my first job fair so I was thrilled to see that AISD was having interviews," said senior Lashae Williams. This situation is always a beneficial one for students, especially graduating seniors.

The education job fair was a success, according to the students in attendance. Refreshments were provided for those who came. Students can attend this particular career fair every spring semester.



By Perry Osbourne, The Panther



By Perry Osbourne, The Panther

**Teachers teach the future:** Representatives from school districts across Texas had open arms for future teachers.

## Lashaun Neal becomes Lady of the Dove



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Smile for the cam:** (left to right) Ciandra Alvord, Rozy Uzuh, Lashaun Neal, and Elizabeth Gardner were all smiles.

By Ebony Sowells  
Panther Staff

Lashaun Neal was crowned Lady of the Dove 2009-2010 and Ciandra Alvord was crowned first runner-up in the Memorial Student Center auditorium Wednesday after weeks of preparation and hard work.

Alvord said, "The Lady of the Dove pageant was hard work. We've been practicing for months and months and it's all paid off. Through Christ all things can happen."

Neal said, "Words don't even express the feelings I have right now. It's just amazing and I didn't expect it but it shows that hard work and dedication pays off."

The 11th Annual Lady of the Dove Scholarship pageant was hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. This pageant is hosted by the fraternity each year to give the young ladies who participate the opportunity to compete for various prizes and also money that they can use toward their educational needs.

The scholarship is not directly related to the university. The first runner-up must host a seminar each semester that relates to her platform and the winner must host two in order to receive her scholarships. Once the semester is over, if the winners have completed their allotted tasks, the scholarships are immediately awarded directly from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Chris Wesley, Kelly Gill, Marchandra Boyer, Gary Hill, and Shavon Johnson used their prior expertise and experience to judge the young ladies in four different events.

The pageant began with a rendition of the Spike Lee movie "School Daze." The ladies performed a unique number before introducing themselves to the crowd. The first portion of the pageant was the Active Wear. The contestants strutted on the stage, representing a wide range of women who one might see in society. The next section of the pageant was dedicated to Talent. Each contestant chose a short piece to entertain the crowd. The talents consisted of poems, monologues and dance numbers. After the talent section the con-

tants competed for best question & answer. The final segment was the formal wear section. The ladies sashayed the runway in intricate designer gowns and made one last attempt to win over the crowd and the judges.

To keep the event entertaining Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. incorporated skits and brief intermissions to keep the crowd excited while the contestants transformed for the next segment. During one of the intermissions the "NEOs" of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. stomped the stage and strutted with their new brothers.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Former Lady of the Dove Elizabeth Gardner graced the stage so that she could transfer her crown to the new winner who would be taking her place as Lady of the Dove 2009-2010.

Participants were awarded plaques for "Most Spirited," "Most ads Sold," Best Formal wear, "Best Active Wear," "Best Question & Answer," "Best Talent" and the winner and runner-up were also given sashes and crowns that they would wear until they pass on their title next academic year.



# Students get a taste of Grammys at PV Choice Awards

By Shayna Walker  
L/H & A/E Editor

Many students, staff, and faculty gathered Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center Auditorium to view the live results of the highly publicized PV Choice Awards.

The show was opened with a performance from dance team Get Fresh Crew and followed by a surprise guest performance from MTV's America's Best Dance Crew contestants So Real Cru.

Michael Dixon and Vizion along with Feedback performed a tribute to the Prairie View students who have passed away by rewording T.I.'s latest hit song "Dead and Gone". Following the tribute to the lost Panthers was a vocal number performed by Glory.

Prairie View's own Pretty-Boy and Chris Brown hit the stage performing "Make it Dip" and immediately following, Brown took over the stage performing "Hand-bag."

Brown said, "I like to entertain people and I wanted to do something that's not degrading to women. I'm glad that DSF and Party Boys took home two awards for the night."

The PV Slam Team and First Class gave the audience a satisfyingly slamming performance that had people on their feet in an excited frenzy. Porsha Allison and Feedback followed with a great vocal performance.

Bobby Smith II, Academic Achievement Award winner, said, "Winning this award made me feel as if my work is not going unseen. It also encourages me to keep going."

To keep the audience entertained in between the performances and announcement of

winners, there were comical commercials, PV edition, of the television shows *Cheaters* and *The Real World*.

There was also a brief introduction of the contestants for Miss Prairie View as well as Mr. Prairie View 2009-2010.

Some of the winners included Smiley Collins as Sophomore of the Year, Robert Powell as Junior of the Year, Johnnie L. Jones III as Student Leader, Ronald Smith as Best Photographer, Gaati Werema for Best Female Athlete, Freddie Edo as Best Dressed and Rachel Madison as Most Spirited.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. won National Pan-Hellenic Council Fraternity of the Year and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. won for sorority. Kappa Kappa Psi won CSO Fraternity of the Year and Gamma Sigma Sigma as sorority.

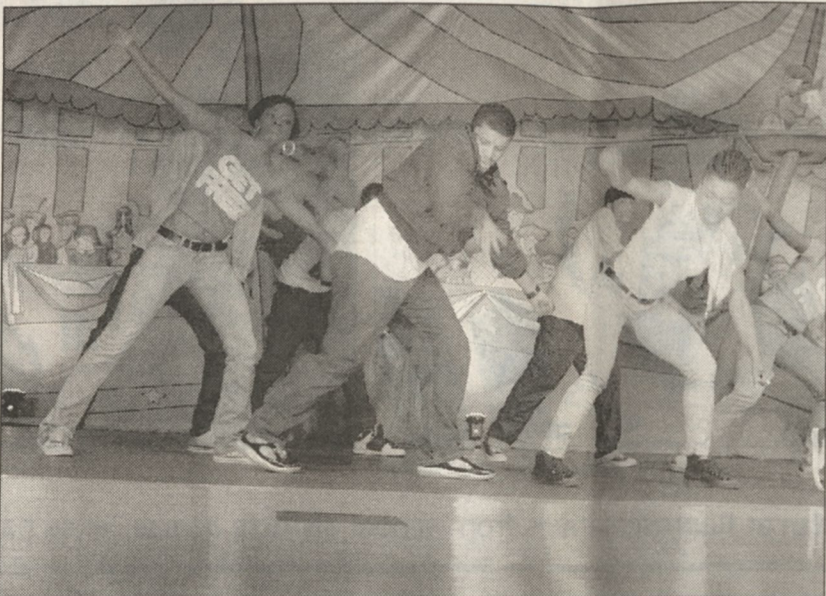
The Dallas Boys were voted Best Dance Group.

"I was ecstatic about the award we won," said junior Reginal Brown. "It's good to know that we're appreciated at PV."



All photos by Ronald Smith

**Celebrity entertainment:** Students watched Houston natives So Real Cru in amazement.



**Everybody just dance:** Prairie View's Get Fresh Crew takes stage as the opening entertainment for the awards show.



**Fun and games:** Poet Timothy Woods II offers comic relief with his groups Prairie View Productive Poets and First Class.

## PVAMU SIFE receives award at regional expo

By Whitney Harris  
News Editor

Sixteen students of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) received second runner-up at the 2009 SIFE Regional Competition and Career Expo in Dallas April 2-3.

"It was a great experience and we met with a lot of professionals," said SIFE vice president Anita Jones.

The team tested its educational outreach projects against the projects of 46 other teams paired in seven leagues from around the country. PVAMU team competed

with five other schools and received second runner up honors to Southern Arkansas University and Ouachita Baptist University, regional champions.

Of the 46 teams from around the country, Prairie View's competitors included Texas Women's University, Northwestern State University, and Waylan Baptist University. Prairie View, along with Langston University, were the only black colleges in attendance from the region.

During the competition, SIFE was judged on how well their projects taught the principles of free enterprise, business ethics, free market economics, entrepreneurship, personal finances, success skills and environmental sustainability.

Along with Jones, team members included Breona King, Ridge Fields-Cooper, Elex Stokes, Nathan Dyles, Malcolm Copeland, Lynn Smith, Kyle Maronie, Courtney Cunningham, Cene Little Ferguson, LaDonna Green, Celestial Hall, Joe Ivory, LeWebster Lacy, Duane Qualls and Bracie Sims.

"We learned more about each other as a team," Jones said. "Through our programs we know that we made an impact on campus."

Plans are being made to attend nationals in the future.

"We have aspirations to go to nationals next year. We're going to continue to be an organization that has a positive impact on campus," Jones said.

## Career Services brings government job opportunities

By Whitney Harris  
News Editor

The Office of Career and Outreach Services hosted their annual spring job fair Tuesday in the William "Billy" J. Nicks Building. The "Government Career Day" allowed students the opportunity to meet with federal and state corporations to seek internships or full-time jobs.

"We brought it back after a couple years because we feel like in this time, government agencies are a little more stable than corpo-

rate ones so we decided to highlight them," said Shadia Washington, career fair coordinator for career services.

Several vendors participated including the Southern University Law Center and Texas Water Development Board.

"We're looking for all majors to join our Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program," said Cartrell Bell, U.S. Navy chief yeoman and recruiter. "We want students who are interested in gaining experience and leadership skills."

Bell encouraged students to look into the program because it offers great benefits for college students.

"We have programs where

you get paid and don't have to worry about haircuts and wearing uniforms. We encourage you to be a student and keep up your GPA," said Bell. "It's a great program."

Students looking for career opportunities should visit The Office of Career Services in Evans Hall on the second floor, or they can visit the Web site at pvamu.edu/careerservices. The office accepts walk-ins and appointments Monday thru Friday.

"Just ask for help. Career Services is here to help them in any way they need. We're available," Washington said.

Throughout the fair, attendees were pushed to seek jobs that provided stability.

## Alphas inform students of finance possibilities

By Sylvester Robinson  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A & M University alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Epsilon Tau Lambda, presented a seminar titled "Financial Literacy: How To Manage Your Money In Hard Economic Times" April 7 in Hobart Taylor.

Cecil G. Dorsett Jr. led the seminar with the vision to help others get an understanding of what one should do with money. The seminar enlightened students on topics such as the stock market, investments,

and different ways to save money that will allow them to live within their means and prepare them for unexpected situations.

Brian Rowland, guest speaker and financial consultant for ING, began by telling students to make smart decisions to better their future.

Rowland said, "As college students many don't fully understand about loans, credit cards and things of that nature that create interest and gain value over time."

Rowland told students to avoid receiving loan money with no need for it, and use it to buy rims, new systems or even a new car just because they may have the money at that moment.

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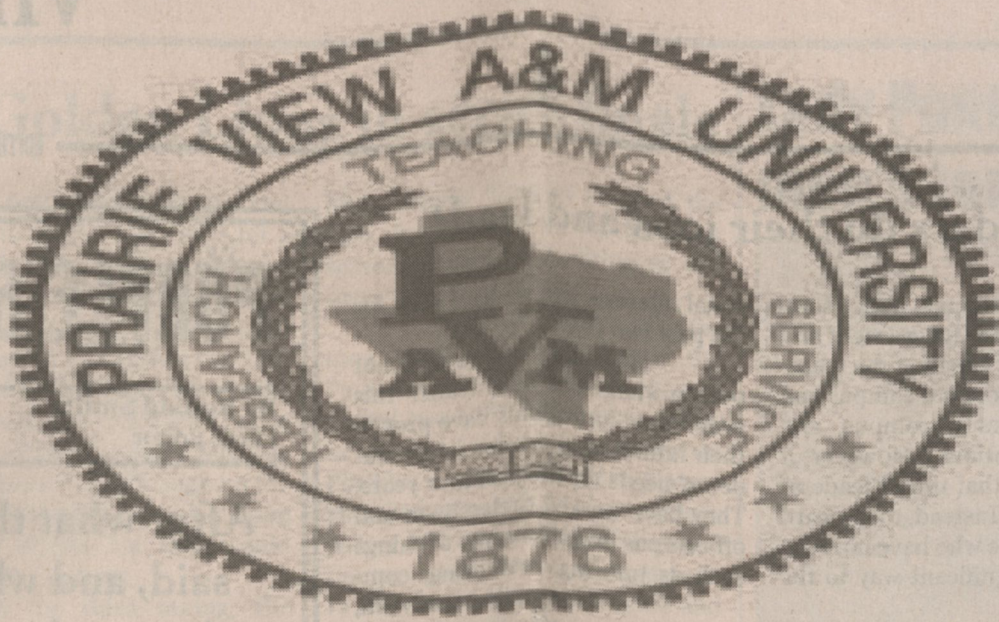
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## Why can't student leaders do their jobs and lead?

As I sat and observed the 2008-2009 PV Choice Awards, I could not help but reminisce on the past four years I have experienced at Prairie View. While a student leader and a vital advocate on behalf of the students, I feel that I should address some concerns I have withheld for the past year or so.

First and foremost, Prairie View A&M University is a university of the first class (as we have all been told repeatedly), yet the majority fails to "act" accordingly. Students are disrespectful to themselves and one another. Girls shake their butts on stage as if they were shaking a tree for apples. "Men" parade around with their pants dragging half a mile behind them.

Yet, as I sat, I finally understood why such things occur: "student leaders." The term "student leader" has been used rather loosely for some time now. Once a term of appreciation, for all those who boldly stood their ground in the face of adversity on behalf of their peers, the term has been watered down to where everyone can be a "student leader." People "elected" into office are PUT here to be delegates for the students. Their sole responsibility is to respond to the needs of students in a way that would benefit the majority of the university's population.

These leaders, whether

they be SGA presidents, honor society presidents, etc., have a right and duty to speak on behalf of the voiceless students across our campus and abroad (the nursing campus, and all graduate locations). However, it has been noted that these "leaders" have yet to lead. Instead, they award and honor people who have not contributed in a significant way to the

sonal interests like we have seen for the past two years.

Although no significant person stood out as a leader this year, some individuals have proven their interest and passion in the students' needs for the past four years. They have worked tirelessly on and off campus doing an array of things such as tutoring, mentoring, community activism, etc., yet they receive no recognition. I'm sure individuals such as these do not care to be publicly acknowledged. However, when awarding students for their leadership efforts or high scholastic academic standing, it would be appreciated if these acknowledgements were correctly awarded and noted.

So, upon graduating and looking over my past four years here, I cannot help but feel a sense of bias, meritocracy, joy, and relief that I will be graduating on May 16. The only concern I have is how these students will carry themselves for years to come if they had no one to look up to, be a role model for, or stand boldly supporting when no one else did? Until "student leaders" begin to lead, the village will continue to perish.

Respectfully submitted,

--Name Withheld

*"Student morale will forever be dead until there are elected leaders who really and truly care about the students."*

research, service, and learning as other student delegates have. I understand that when "given" a position of power, one tends to absorb all of the hype and relish in their so-called success. However, the time has come for those students to get up and actually be proactive in the community and on campus. We cannot revitalize our student body if our "leaders" do not lead. Student morale will forever be dead until there are elected leaders who really and truly care about the students' well-being as opposed to their own per-

## It's about time to make security a priority

Hello fellow Panthers, I am currently a junior agricultural economics major from Fort Worth, Texas. I am writing to inform you of a serious security issue. I feel as if we, as Panthers, must address. I believe the safety of students should be on the top of every university's list across the nation. I feel as if PVAMU has lacked or dropped the ball in this area. I am a victim of two room break-ins, and my car was broken into just this week. My first break-in happened last semester at the beginning of October but most of my belongings were recovered. The university never acknowledged the fact that my room was broken into formally and I felt as if the university neglected me in a sense.

The second break-in occurred at the beginning of this spring semester. The break-in took place in broad daylight, between the hours of 8 a.m.-12 p.m. I discovered the break-in around 1 p.m. The university reacted this time, and informed me that every-

thing would be OK. None of my items were recovered that time. After leaving campus for about 30 minutes, after the PV Choice Awards to get something to eat with friends, I came back to my living quarters to find my car had been broken into. I notified President Wright and the

my class, and count it a privilege to participate in higher education. It is hard enough for a student to concentrate on academics, but to add insecurity regarding safety, can become quite cumbersome. It can be quite distracting to my studies when I have to worry about the security

of my things, as well as my safety. I feel as if the university is so concerned about athletic fees, raising tuition, and other fees that security is neglected. As customers first, then students we should feel and know that we are safe on the campus. Our parents have made too many sacrifices for us to participate in college and to have what some people may call the finer things in life, i.e. laptops, flat screen televisions, and other items to aid our collegiate experience. There is no reason why other students or I should have to be victims of foolishness. If it was me today, it could be you tomorrow.

--Bobby J. Smith, II

*"I feel as if the university is so concerned about athletic fees, raising tuition, and other fees that security is neglected."*

office of Student Affairs, and I was assured that my situation would be directed to persons who could assist me with this situation.

I am serious about the education I receive here at the university, I'm currently at the top of

## Sisters, let's raise our standards

Why are some beautiful, smart and single women so bitter?

It seems that women are always crying over finding a man, or not feeling complete without one. What is the urgency?

I was in class the other day and the professor asked everyone what their five year plans were. Some talked about their goals to succeed. Entrepreneurs talked about their future business plans. One young lady in the class was a junior who was unsure of her future and had given no thought to what she wanted her major concentration to be.

However, she made it clear that in the next five years, she saw herself married with children. It was as if her whole purpose in school was simply to find a husband.

Then, there are some women who blame men for their relationship issues. They are the ones who sit in circles and spend hours talking about how, "Men ain't no good!" or "The only thing men want nowadays

is sex!"

I am not going to lie. Some men do fit that category, but why do they have to be blamed for everything? We all should just take responsibility for our own actions.

We walk around campus playing dress-up like we are so grown with tons of life experience, but, in the end, we really don't know all the answers.

It is amazing to me because we as young, sexy and smart women have so much to offer to this world, yet some would rather offer it to a man.

Perhaps everyone just wants to be loved. But what is the necessity for finding a man? Why not let men need us for once?

Why do some women write crazy statuses on Facebook about how a man hurt them so badly? Why do others feel the need to explain all of their emotional baggage within minutes of meeting a man?

Look how far we have come! We have been given so much

opportunity to explore our options just by attending college. We do not have to live in that old society where we get married before 30.

What about our minds? Instead of wanting love from a man so desperately, let us love ourselves.

I dare all women who feel insecure to look at themselves in the mirror. Realize that we are women of good health who are able to accomplish anything with and without a mate. Single or not, the necessity for a relationship is not that serious. We can do anything and everything we want!

Find a hobby, join an organization or participate in some community service. Let us show the rest of the world, and ourselves, that we can make ourselves happy!

Eva Pitts  
Black College Wire

## PURPLE & GOLD POLL

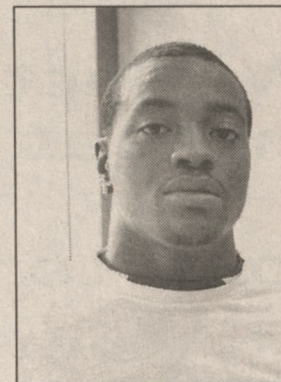
By Ronald Smith  
Photo Editor

After what they stood on, what they said, and what they actually did... what grade would you give our past SGA leaders?



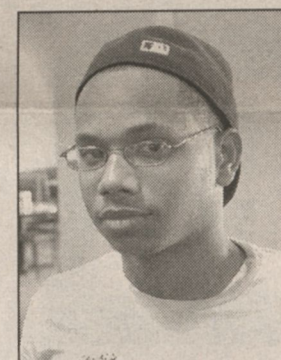
"B-, because no one is perfect and we all make mistakes."

**Latoya Wolfe**  
Junior  
Criminal Justice



"C, Because I haven't seen any of the promises put into action that some of the presidents and past vice presidents put into play."

**David Fagget**  
Senior  
Human Performance



"B-, because I have been here for three years and around election time they make a lot of promises, but nothing gets accomplished when you see the same stuff going on."

**Terry Manuel**  
Junior  
Biology



"I would give them a B because I haven't seen a lot of the improvements that I intended to see, nothing has changed."

**Raniqua Whitehead**  
Sophomore  
Nursing



"B, I guess the last semester of people did a good job. I just got here and this campus needs a lot of improvements. Every thing is going well so far. I'm just waiting on what my next semester will bring."

**Tra'quincia Phillips**  
Freshman  
Nursing



"A, They're not all just talk, some of the past presidents actually did what they said they were going to do."

**LeAndre Sanders**  
Senior  
Computer Science



## Panthers handle the Golden Lions in series finale

By Lenesha Jones  
Panther Intern

On April 11 the men of the Prairie View A&M University baseball team again faced the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. The Panthers beat the Lions last month after a loss in a double header.

At the top of the game, the Panthers were successfully trying their best to hold the Lions back. John Villapondo opened up the bot-

tom of the inning with a double and advanced to third. Odie Davis hit a single and Villapondo scored the first run for the game. As two more batters come to bat, Davis advanced to third then scored leaving the Panthers up in the first inning 2-0. In the second inning, the Lions' first batter struck out as the Panthers' pitching would continue to do throughout the game. The Panthers weren't looking any better either, but they would find a way to produce.

In the third inning, the Lions scored their first run and PV came back with two runs on three

hits. James Murphy reached the base by error and the Panthers scored another run, bringing the score to 5-1.

At the top of the fifth inning, UAPB attempted to give the Panthers a run for their money and scored two more home runs. Within the last four innings, Benjamin Blackburn struck out three players and allowed two to walk but no more points were scored. PVAMU finished the game with a total of 36 at bats, 12 hits, 10 assists, 8 strikeouts and 5 runs, leaving the final score to be 5-3, a Panther victory.

## Softball team drops a game to Sam Houston

By Delray Williams  
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers softball team is continuing to struggle throughout the season as they lost two more games against the Sam Houston State Lady Bearcats on Tuesday, April 7. Their lack of consistency and passion for the game caused them to lose focus.

In the opening game, the Lady Bearcats beat them 12-1. The Panthers allowed Sam Houston State to score 7 runs with 6 hits in

the second inning. Prairie View managed to score one run with three hits as an answer. Sam Houston State came back and scored one run in the third as the Panthers scored nothing with Woods striking out and Brenda Sneed grounding out at third base. Sam Houston took off after scoring four runs with five hits in the fourth inning. The game ended with the Bearcats having 14 hits total while the Panthers had six. In the second game Sam Houston State defeated the Panthers 17-4.

The Bearcats left the Panthers in a trail as they scored in the first inning with six runs and six hits. They also controlled the second inning over the Panthers scoring

three more runs with four hits, giving them a huge advantage.

The Panthers did not score until the fourth inning scoring one run after the Bearcats already scored two more. At the bottom of the fifth, Sneed hit a three-base-runner trying to establish a comeback for the Panthers. The Bearcats had 21 hits total in the second game while the Panthers had only seven. MyNeat-ric Woodard led Prairie View with two hits and Gonzalez, the pitcher, dropped to 2-12 on the year.

The Panthers now hold a season record of 4-10 and fell to tenth place in SWAC overall division.

## PV track and field teams compete in Ty Terrell Relays



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Running well:** Prairie View A&M placed high in many categories at the Ty Terrell Relays.

By Dontae McCrary  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University men's and women's track and field teams participated in the Exxon Mobile Ty Terrell Relays at Lamar University April 11.

In the women's 100 meter dash Destiny Jernigan ran a 12:52. Teammates Kaylon McNeal ran a 12:63, Alexis Tanner 12:64, Ashley Dantzler 12:73, Ashley Magee 13:02, Olivia Talley 13:31, and LaDetra Jackson 14:13. In the 200 meter dash LaQuita Alexander ran a 25:55, Dantzler ran 26:13, Jernigan ran 26:15, and McNeal ran a 27:51.

In the 400 meter run Whitley Dobbins ran a time of 58:02 that earned her fourth place. Teammate Alexander finished just behind her at 58:06 for 5th place. In the 800 meter race the Lady Panthers had only one participant, Viktoria Manuel, who ran a 2:24.02 earning herself 5th place. Manuel also competed in the 1500 meter run with a final time of 5:01.94.

In the 100 meter hurdles Tanner placed fourth with a time of 14:84. Fellow Lady Panthers Myesha Dixon ran a 15:42, Jasmine Casnel 16:84 and Corinna Brown 17:91. In the 400 meter hurdles Brown and

Casnel finished 4th and 5th, with times of 1:06.51 and 1:07.93.

In the women's relays the 4x400 meter consisting of LaQuita Alexander, Whitley Dobbins, Corina Brown, and Ronda Tucker finished second with a time of 3:55:36. In the field events Magee finished third with a jump of 1.60m. In the long jump Tanner finished fourth with a jump of 5.87m. Brown's jump of 5.60m, Magee 5.55m Talley 4.56m, and Antonia Kiel a jump of 4.56m as well. Tanner finished second in the triple jump with a jump of 12.24m. Krystal Holmes competed in the shot put and discus, throwing 10.42m in the shot put and 30.87 in the discus. Kiel competed in the javelin throw and placed fourth with a throw of 31.31m and teammate Gill threw for 27.63m.

On the men's side Jarryd Gray ran a time of 10:72 in the hundred meter dash that landed him in third place, and teammate Robert Odhiambo ran a time of 11:45. Gray ran in the 200 meter dash, this time earning second in a time of 21:17. In the 400 meter dash Jared Alexander ran a time of 49:20 and teammates Robert Williams 53:83, and Donnell Norwood 55:95. In the 800 meter run Brandon Hicks finished second in a time of 1:56.48 and was just a tenth of a second away from first place. Teammates Fernando Hernandez finished in 2:06.49 and Pierre Tannous finished in 2:15.54.

In the men's 1500 meter run Alonzo Thomas finished in 4:05.94 which placed him sixth. Fellow Panthers Roland Dejean ran a 4:07.20, Matthew Jones 4:13.03, Hernandez 4:21.24, and Patrick Range 4:39.67. In the 3000 meter run Range ran a 10:20.38 and teammate Errol Hampton ran a 10:28.95. In the 110 meter hurdles William Donelson finished third with a time of 14:62. Jason Mitchell finished second in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 53:05. In the relay events the Panthers competed in the 4x400 meter relay. The Panthers had an A relay team that finished first with a time of 3:18.84. The A team consisted of Jason Mitchell, Daniel Anderson, Jarryd Gray, and Brandon Hicks. The B team consisted of Ricky Bridgewater, William Donelson, Matthew Jones, and Jared Alexander; finished fourth with a time of 3:27.81.

In the field events the Panthers had Leonard Chanette finish third in the high jump with a jump third in the high jump with a jump third of 1.89m. In the triple jump Chanette finished sixth with a jump of 14.16m and teammate Shanton Gore had a jump of 13.15. Johnny Piggee had a throw of 39.73m in the discus throw.

Both the men's and women's track teams will be running in the Michael Johnson Invite in Waco, Texas and are just a few weeks away from the SWAC Championships.

## Lady Panthers prepare for SWAC, men's tennis team ends season



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**Serving it up:** Melanie Brown hits one hard across court.

By Lionel Mosby Jr.  
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M University women's tennis team is currently preparing for the 2009 SWAC Tennis Championships in Alexandria, La. April 17-19.

At the tournament their first test will be the number two seeded Jackson State Lady Tigers out of the SWAC's eastern division. While the ladies have exerted much effort in practice preparing for the tournament, nothing comes close to the learning that takes center stage during the heat of real live competition. So, Coach John Cochran, Jr. and the Lady Panthers decided to break from their regular practice schedule to play host to Cy-Fair College April 7, while they traveled to the University of Houston over the weekend.

The ladies started off hot against Cy-Fair College winning every match of the evening. In doubles, Melanie Brown and Bianca Simpson started the day off right with an easy 8-1 victory, Munashe Mukuni and Nicole Banks took an 8-0 win, while Melissa Guerrier and Charli Cooksey finished the doubles with their match, grabbing the win 8-3.

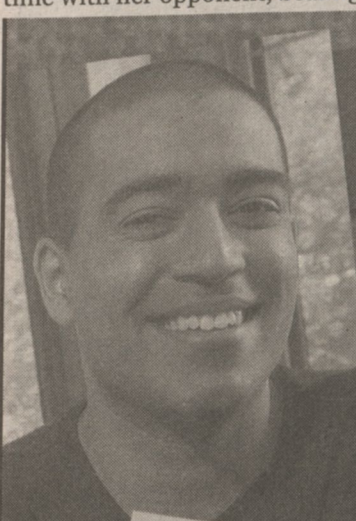
In the singles competition, the Lady Panthers again made a clean sweep with Brown leading the way to win her match 6-1, 6-4. Makuni seemed to have the easiest time with her opponent, beating Cy-

Fair's Jasmine Nguyen in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. Simpson, Guerrier, and Banks also won in straight sets while Cooksey played the most exciting match against Jammy Nguyen. Cooksey won the ten-point tiebreaker 10-4 to take the match.

After the ladies breezed through the matches with Cy-Fair College, Cochran upped the competition by traveling into Houston for a match-up with the Lady Cougars. The Lady Panthers played some great games against the University of Houston, but unfortunately came up short in the end with all the doubles matches losing 8-5, 8-4, and 8-2. The singles match revealed the same results as all the ladies went down. Makuni and Guerrier were the only two players who were able to grab games in their matches. "This was a good way to gauge where we are going into SWAC," said Cooksey.

The men's tennis team also participated in some great tennis action against Cy-Fair College even though the team's bid for a SWAC title came to an end during the SWAC West-West Challenger. The whole team played well dropping only one doubles and one singles match during the day. Chris Jordan and Joshua Chavez played the best doubles match winning the tiebreaker 7-4 to take the 9-8 win. In the singles column, the Panthers racked up win after win to help them take the overall team win against the team from Cypress.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the PVAMU women's tournament on Friday.



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## Psychologically Speaking

### Procrastination

By Dr. Louis Anderson  
Panther Contributor

Some people are persistent, some are resilient, but others are procrastinators. Some people are in constant struggles with their proclivity to procrastinate. During their internal struggles, procrastinators endure a steady slide into an agonizing self delusion. But such a fate does not stop the procrastinator from procrastinating. Promises and resolutions of change come and go but always there is a mindset that, "I will get it done tomorrow, maybe next week for sure."

When challenged or when feeling low the procrastinator typically finds an enabler. And enablers do what they do best; they empathize, they comfort, they stay silent and they provide an opportunity for the procrastinator to procrastinate. The enabler typically waits and hopes for the procrastinator to get things done on time, to be organized, to keep promises and to be disciplined. When the procrastinator remains stuck in his old patterns and when change in behavior does not occur, the enabler decides that the best course of action is to confront the procrastinator. But of course the enabler puts the confrontation off until next month, or better yet, next year as the mere thought of facing the procrastinator causes too much anxiety. Meanwhile, the procrastinator continues to procrastinate under the watchful eye of the enabler.

After a period of time the enabler discovers that there is no

reason to believe that healthy change is forthcoming even after patience and the umpteenth effort to change the procrastinator's behavior. You see, empathy, encouragement, and support without internal fortitude make little difference. The enabler reasons finally that it would have been much better to have left the procrastinator to his/her suffering, since procrastinators will eventually learn what we all know – that effort and persistence is not without the possibility of pain, ridicule, or even failure.

Psychologists have come to believe that procrastination is one of the most tragic maladies of our time. Apart from its cost to society, procrastination inflicts untold suffering on the individual. Psychologists believe that an individual's personality is not the real problem with procrastination. The real problem is the attitude and belief system of the procrastinator. Procrastinators evade, linger or not complete tasks out of a belief that they may fail, experience pain, or not succeed. The procrastinator is insular to change, particularly those who need a physiological rush to accomplish a task. Their behavior is reinforcing (why do something today when you can do it tomorrow) and their self-concept is low (deep down inside I just know that I can not do this). Procrastination may even be a form of idolatry. You think about it every day, you believe in it, you justify it. The one realization that allows us to overcome this human frailty is coming to grips with the understanding that very often we must do things that may not make us feel good.

By Nastashia Matlock  
Panther Staff

"Everyone knew it was going to be live at the Toga V" Rodney Thomas, senior mathematics major said.

The Zeta Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosted its 5th annual Toga Thursday April 9 at the Kappa "Animal" House.

Who would have ever thought an idea of a big party would turn into a successful annual event? The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. did five years ago when they coined the idea for the most anticipated event in the spring, Toga. Wanting to bring out the Kappa House with this big party, the fall 2002 line "K.S. Politik" and Julian Scott came together with the idea for the Toga.

Over time situations change and new ideas are brought about to make situations better. After a successful trial and error the brothers continued to add and bring about new ideas to make the party an event.

"The intention was to not have a regular party, but to create a big event like Greek Olympiad," Shaun Molden, fall 2005 member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said. "My line was behind the scenes for the first Toga

so when it was our time to shine we were ready to capitalize on everything and increase the awareness of the event."

Members of the fall 2005 line "K.S. KontrAversY" for Toga II embedded the idea of using posters rather than flyers and also introduced the party mix tape. Toga III brought about the tent and catered food to the neighbors to build good rapport.

"Toga is a time for the brothers to reunite with both each other and PV," Molden said. "Every time we have a party we do our best to make it successful because after working hard whether in class or at a job everyone needs a break sometimes."

After a four-day week of events for Phi Nu Pi week 2009, the organization ended the week with a bang.

"I think our events during the week helped with the promotion of the Toga, especially the Toga fashion show and free barbeque we held at the student park," said Mario Morgan, member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Chatter about the event was spreading throughout the Prairie View campus and other campuses like wild flowers with approximately 1,400 confirmed guests on Facebook the day of the event.

"I found out about the Toga from upperclassmen and

Facebook," Jalisa James, a freshman communications major, said. "It was fun because it had a lot of activities and I was surprised at the turnout of people actually participating by dressing in togas."

Energy drinks, food, and pictures were all available along with the chance to view live performances.

"It gets better every year," Micah Pinkston, a sophomore double major in psychology and education, said. "I enjoyed the music and live performances from Paper Chaserz and D-Ray." The enthusiasm and excitement this year came mostly from the younger crowd.

"I'm older so it was a different experience than I've had the previous years," Clemon Maddox, a senior marketing major, said. "It's the best party of the year guaranteed. It's just starting to become a thing for the 18-21 year-old crowd and not really fun like it used to be if you're 22 and older."

The old and the young both had one mutual dislike: the tent.

"It was really packed so the tent was pointless," Brendan Smith, a senior agriculture major, said. "The yard is big enough to hold everyone without the use of the tent."

Sometimes it's hard to be an all-around crowd pleaser, but the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi have done an all-around good job for five years.

"Go Kappas," James said. "I'm looking forward to next year now that I know what to expect."

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# "I Heart Art" Exhibit



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

By Joseph Cullier  
Panther Contributor

The institution of Prairie View A&M University is not one that wholeheartedly embodies a considerable appreciation for the arts. This can be attributed to many factors. First, the original mission of the college was founded with a more practical objective, the education of African-Americans in the fields of agriculture and mechanics. Other factors are the overall disconnection between African-Americans and art, also the disconnection between administration and the student body on the topic of art.

However, Prairie View's appreciation for art seems as if it has a promising future. One of the recent changes in Prairie View's future would be the "I Heart Art" art exhibit,

held in the library last week.

Thursday, April 9, a small group of both professional and student artists were given the opportunity to exhibit their artwork. The show was the brain child of two current Prairie View students: junior marketing major Jasmine Williams and junior management major Joseph Cuillier.

After hurdling many obstacles and utilizing many unconventional resources, the RBTs x Bass & International Studies Club Presents: "I Heart Art" was born. The art show was a necessity, which served a variety of purposes. The show offered the university a special and uncommon event. It is rare that students get a chance to delve into the arts on their own terms, however, there obviously is something being done to change that. According to senior criminal justice major and art show

attendee Sarah Willhelm, "The art show was great. There was a lot of quality art. I felt like I was at an actual art museum. Art is important because it evokes emotions."

The art was also wonderful because it focused on both professional and amateur, undiscovered artists. Senior sociology major featured artist Montrina Hill said, "I participated in the art show because I was asked to by RBTs to support this cause. Also I wanted to participate because I've never shown my art on campus and was excited to see people's reactions." There has always been a presence of art on campus; however, the selection is very limited. Junior education major Rhonda Jackson said, "The variety offered by the 'I Heart Art' exhibit allowed students to see a different genre of art and opened their eyes to something new."



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

**We all heart good art :** Students share their love of art with each other.

# Black Out:

## What went down at the black tie affair

By Dalynn Stinson  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University's Community Service Organizations hosted a "Black Tie Affair" April 8 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

With the tables decorated with black and silver table cloths and mirrors in the center, the CSO Black Tie Affair was ready to be set off. There was a huge cake, a cookie tray, a fruit tray, and a vegetable tray.

There was also fruit punch. DJ Guarantee set the mood for a night of fun.

He played some old school, some new school, and some newer school.

The music was on and popping. People were grooving as they walked through the door. But like most black people, no one was on time.

Just joking. There were a few people grooving on the dance floor. But most people didn't show up until after 10 p.m. As the room filled, so did the line for refreshments.

You can always count on there being some kind of food at a PV function. A few sororities and fraternities came through. There were a few Deltas, Gamma Sigs, and Zetas. Then there were some Kappas and Alphas there celebrating the Affair.

Looking around the room, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Even the DJ stepped from behind his table and grooved a little bit.

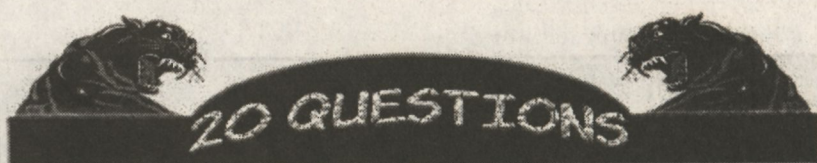
As it got closer to 11 p.m., the members of CSO decided to move the tables back as they saw more people were dancing and enjoying the music.

As the crowd came to the dance floor the music got going and there wasn't a single person standing still.

Everybody was jamming to musical sounds of Mary J., Lil' Wayne and Juvie, just to name a few.

The night proceeded with more dancing. Some were against the wall talking to friends, but they were indeed moving to the mystical beats of the DJ.

He truly had the place bumping. The attendees of the CSO Black Tie Affair will be saying their feet hurt because they really danced the night away.



1. Why was the PV Choice Awards committee closing the doors on nominees?
2. Which Kappa wears the same plaid shirt to every event?
3. Who hired all the cheap comedy acts to stall for time?
4. Who thinks it's backwards that the AKA's held a seminar on "How to survive a recession"?
5. Should the Zetas hold a seminar for the AKAs on "How to avoid a recharter"?
6. How many girls wore their little sisters' prom dress to the PV Choice awards?
7. Who was the genius who pulled the fire alarm and ran out of the front door of the auditorium?
8. How many people hung outside in the parking lot because they couldn't get into the PV Choice Awards?
9. How many people who were inside the PV Choice Awards wished they had stayed outside in the parking lot?
10. Shouldn't the male athlete of the year have something to show for it other than losses?
11. Why did the police officer with a shag try to pepper spray people at the PV Choice awards?
12. Who actually knew the freshman of the year and why did he have to cuss?
13. Haven't we come to the conclusion that the PV police are just not cutting it?
14. Who are the rearview mirror thieves?
15. Who went home and rehearsed moves from U Got Served after the PV Choice awards opening number?
16. Who was the photographer who through a dollar on stage?
17. Who thinks that was the purpose for the backup dancers?
18. Who felt like the backup dancers should have taken the money and bought something to eat?
19. Why did every big girl have on tights at the awards?
20. Did they think it would make them look smaller?



## The Answers

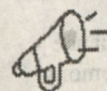
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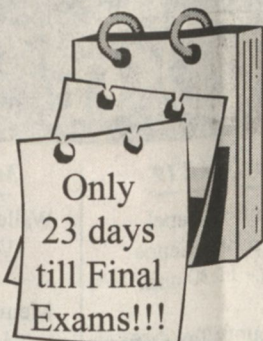
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\*\*University College is sponsoring a visit to Giddings State School on April 17.

\*\*Arrangements are being made by Building 45 PA Jessie Davis.

KUDOS! Building 40. Ms Spates, your PA and LCC Ms Green report good news. Corinna Brown finished first in the 400 meter hurdle during the PV relays. Glad to see track team member Aishat Adeyemi has gotten her cast removed. Sequoria Brown was a great help in signing up participants for the Giddings State school visit. Good luck to Alexandria Williams who is hoping for a summer internship with VIBE magazine. Norvell Hopson and August Semetria participated in the UC nursing meetings and are making plans for community service. High Fives all around!

"Let's Talk with the Nursing Students" was the theme of a seminar held in Building 37 by PA, Ms Whiting. Nursing Advisor, Ms Peters told students about pre-nursing requirements, the NET test, careers in nursing and her own experiences as an RN.



1. Who thought the PV Choice Awards was overrated?
2. Is this where our student fees are going, poor looking decorations and Z-list celebrities?
3. So is it cool to be a photographer or just a GWC, guy with a camera?
4. Do people realize that a Circuit City camera and a trial version of Adobe Photoshop don't make you a photographer?
5. Who was mad that they bought a new outfit for PV Choice Awards and got stopped at the door?
6. When did the Black Foxes become a sorority that dances while real sororities strut?
7. Isn't it bad when a real dance group loses to a fake dance group?
8. Which Delta was cursing people out to get into the PV Choice Awards?
9. Who was the Dallas boy that almost bust his head open trying to run to the stage?
10. Who was the back up dancer with the just for me perm?
11. Why doesn't anyone want to be Mr. P.V.?
12. Who all is going to the Mr. PV pageant?
13. Who thought JP or Dorrough should have won the Underground Rap Artist Award?
14. Who would pay to see Halle Berry to the dougie?
15. Doesn't Fonworth Bentley know that it is bad luck to open umbrellas indoors?
16. What second grader was in charge of the PV Choice captions?
17. How many people were mooned when Supa walked across the stage?
18. Would anyone from Eta Gamma bump for Bump?
19. Why did "Collateral Damage" try to pick the lock to get into the PV Choice Awards?
20. So did Danger smash your homies?

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FOCCS Bible Study Student Lounge Rm. 218	Charles Gilpin Players Stage Play, Musical Blackbox Theater	Charles Gilpin Players Stage Play, Musical Blackbox Theater	Waller County Tax Office Voter Registration Training Memorial Student Center Lounge Rm. 218	Young Leaders for Christ Bible Study W.R. Banks Rm. 205	Military Science Awards Ceremony Alumni Field	The Light Empowerment Hour Student Lounge
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